

REMARKS

Claims 15-29 and 46-50 are pending in the present application. By virtue of this response, claim 15 has been amended and new claim 51 has been added. Accordingly, claims 15-29 and 46-51 are currently under consideration. Amendment and cancellation of certain claims is not to be construed as a dedication to the public of any of the subject matter of the claims as previously presented.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 15-29 and 46-50 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as allegedly being incomplete for omitting essential steps, such omission amounting to a gap between the steps.

Applicants respectfully submit that amended claim 15 is complete. Claim 15 has been amended to recite that each of the server computers is adapted to “decrement a second count value associated with the selected table entry of the plurality of table entries in response to the event identification not being present in the local screening table.”

Claim 15 has also been amended to recite “wherein the selected table entry advances cyclically through the local screening table, and the selected table entry advances to a next entry of the local screening table in response to the event identification not being present in the local screening table.”

New claim 51 has been added, reciting “wherein the selected entry advances to a next entry of the local screening table in response to the event identification matching the event identification associated with the first table entry.”

Support for the amendments and new claim may be found in the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0036] and [0036], and Figure 2.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 15-29 and 46-50 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance, and respectfully submit that the rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 324212008500. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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